



## First Meeting of the AFI Air Traffic Services Providers

(Dakar, 26-28 November 2002)

### 1. Summary of the Proceedings

The first Meeting of the AFI Air Traffic Services Providers was held in Dakar, Senegal from 26 to 28 November 2002 under the aegis of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), in cooperation with the Agency for the Safety of Aerial Navigation in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) and the Air Traffic and Navigation Services of South Africa which are the initiators of the Meeting.

### 2. Attendance

153 Delegates representing 23 States, 7 International Organizations, 2 Financial Institutions and 15 Aeronautical Equipment and Systems Manufacturers/Providers attended the Meeting.

### 3. Opening of the Meeting

Mr. Mamadou Seck, Minister for Infrastructure, Equipment and Transport of the Republic of Senegal, formally opened the Meeting.

Mr. Amadou Cheiffou, ICAO Regional Director for Western and Central African Office, Mr. Ousmane Issoufou Oubandawaki, General Director of ASECNA and Mr. Peter Marais, representing Mr. Johan Van Vollenhoven, ATNS Managing Director delivered speeches on the occasion, underscoring the importance of the present Meeting for the enhancement of aviation safety in the interest of the social and economic development of the continent.

### 4. Organisation of the Proceedings

#### *Chairmanship*

Mr. Ousmane Issoufou Oubandawaki, Director General of ASECNA and Mr. Peter Marais representing Mr. Johan Van Vollenhoven, ATNS Managing Director co-chaired the Meeting.

#### *Secretariat*

Mr. Amadou Cheiffou, ICAO Regional Director acted as Secretary of the Meeting. He was assisted by Mr. Andrew K. Mensah, ICAO Deputy Regional Director and by the following Regional Technical Officers from the WACAF Office in Dakar and ESAF Office in Nairobi :

- Mr. A. Kharuga, Regional Officer, ATM/SAR
- Mr. A. Sene, Regional Officer, CNS
- Mr. J.C. Waffo, Regional Officer, AGA/AVSEC Coordinator
- Mr. P. Zo'o - Minto'o, Regional Officer, CNS
- Mr. K. Brou, Regional Officer, ATM

## **5. Working Languages**

The proceedings of the Meeting were conducted in English and French and the Meeting documentation was available in both languages. Translation and Interpretation services were provided under the supervision of Mr. J. Belinga, Senior Regional Language Officer of the ICAO Western and Central African Office in Dakar.

## **6. Agenda of the Meeting**

The following Agenda was adopted :

- Role of Air Traffic Services in the Air Navigation System
- Examples of ATS Service Provider Organizations in the AFI Region
- Current Status of the Implementation of the Communication, Navigation, Surveillance and Air Traffic Management Systems and possible Regional Strategies.

## **7. Summary of the Discussions**

After the consideration of the various Agenda items, the Meeting adopted the Declaration in Appendix.

The Air Traffic Services Providers notably undertook to co-operate within the framework of :

- The effective implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices and the AFI Air Navigation Plan ;
- The elimination of deficiencies affecting the Air Navigation and the implementation of the CNS/ATM Systems ;
- The development of Training Plans and retraining of Human Resources ;
- The upgrading of the quality of services provided thanks to joint strategies to be developed within a permanent institutional framework.

Furthermore, the Air Traffic Services Providers recognized the necessity for a Single African Sky. This matter will be the subject of an in-depth consideration under ICAO's aegis.